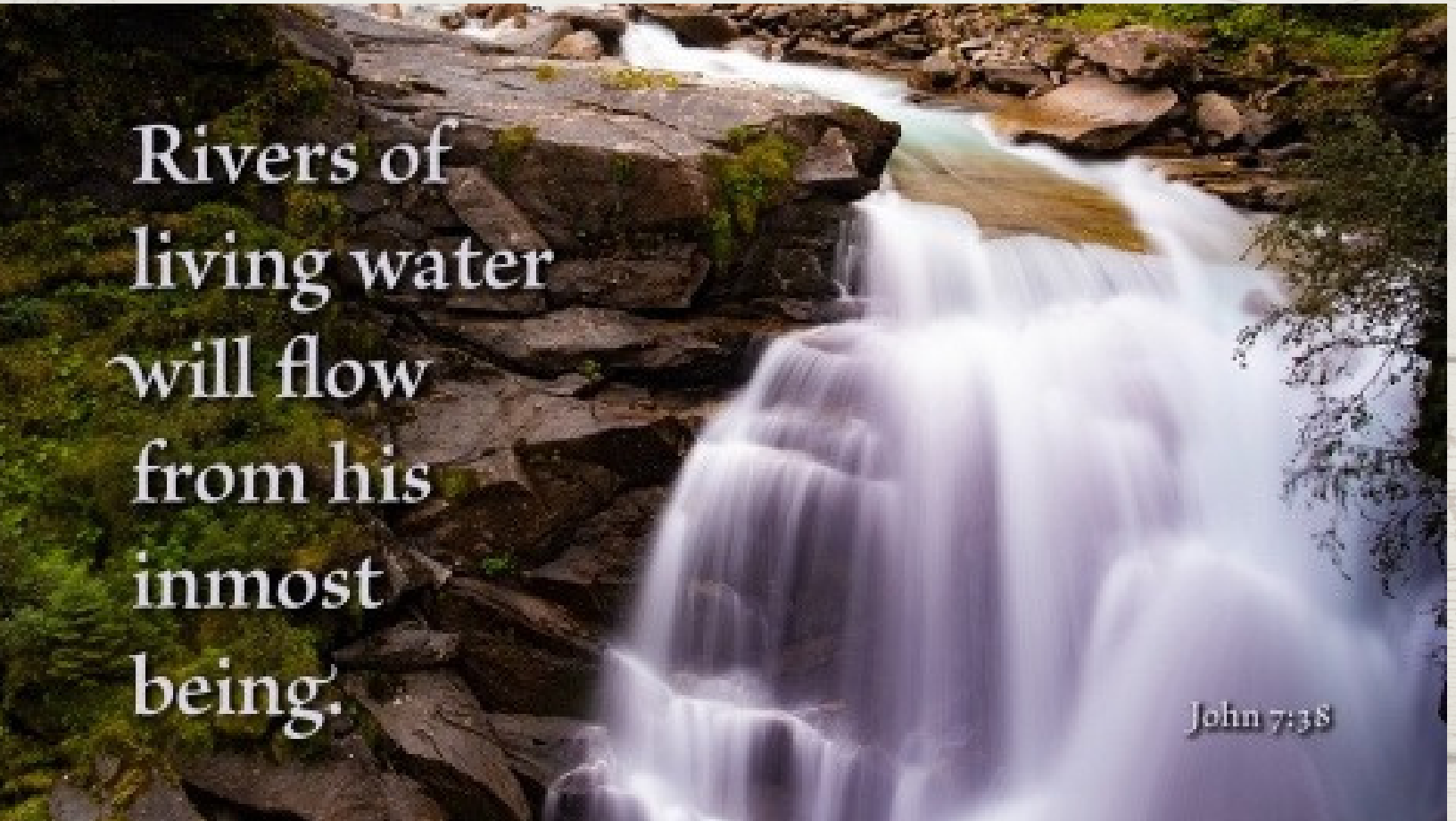




WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

May 18th - May 25th, 2026

Pentecost



Rivers of
living water
will flow
from his
inmost
being.

John 7:38



MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBER AND HONOR

MONDAY, MAY 25TH!

Dear Family and Friends,

We returned from Vanuatu on May 1. Thank you for all your prayers and different ways we were supported on this trip! It took a team: from caring for our kids, giving, praying us through the trip, etc...it is all appreciated! It was a beneficial time in many ways, both in building relationships with those there and accelerating the work of the gospel going on there through practical but important projects we were able to take part in.

Our Friends in Action short-term team consisted of two mechanics, a water project specialist, the FIA Director, and the two of us. Much of what the other team members focused on was preparations for an upcoming water project. They intend to drill wells later this year to provide fresh drinking water for about 30 communities in a remote area.

The primary thing that Brad worked on was making progress on getting four pre-fabricated housing units ready to be useable. He greatly enjoyed working with Reuben and the other Ni-Van workers to prepare and pour the concrete footings, and trench in the plumbing. Once complete, they will expand the housing capacity for future short-term teams, as well as local missionaries. Brad also headed up installing a hoop shelter between two 40 foot containers to protect equipment from the harsh environment.

Faith spent much of her time filling in wherever needed. She especially enjoyed assisting Jenni, the Ni-Van cook, and also getting to know the Pitman family by helping with the juggle of naps, homeschooling, and trips to town with their 4 kids. She also did a fair amount of much-needed organizing: both for equipment maintenance parts and also housekeeping supplies.

We would like to ask that you continue praying for us as we seek out the Lord for clarity on what our next steps should be. The trip confirmed our desire to remained involved in missions, and it was clear that FIA's work there would benefit from another family living along-side the Pitman's to share the load. However, we are still seeking clarity from God if we are the ones to fill that role at the moment, or if He has other plans for us right now. We are continuing to pray and trust God that his direction and timing is perfect.

God Bless,
Brad & Faith Halverson



Congratulations



COOPER JOSHUA KETTWIG

Parents: Josh and Anna Kettwig

Future Plans: SDSU for Business

Favorite HS memory: Winning the State Football Championship my junior year.

Favorite Church memory: Making tie blankets for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.

Again, Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

- John 8:12



JERSEY RAE PEERY

Parents: Brian and Tanya Peery

Future Plans: Attend LATC for Nursing.

Favorite HS memory: Senior homecoming!

Favorite Church memory: Helping with VBS.

**God is within her, she will not fall;
God will help her at break of day.**

-Psalm 46:5

Congratulations



MARKUS PAUL PITKIN

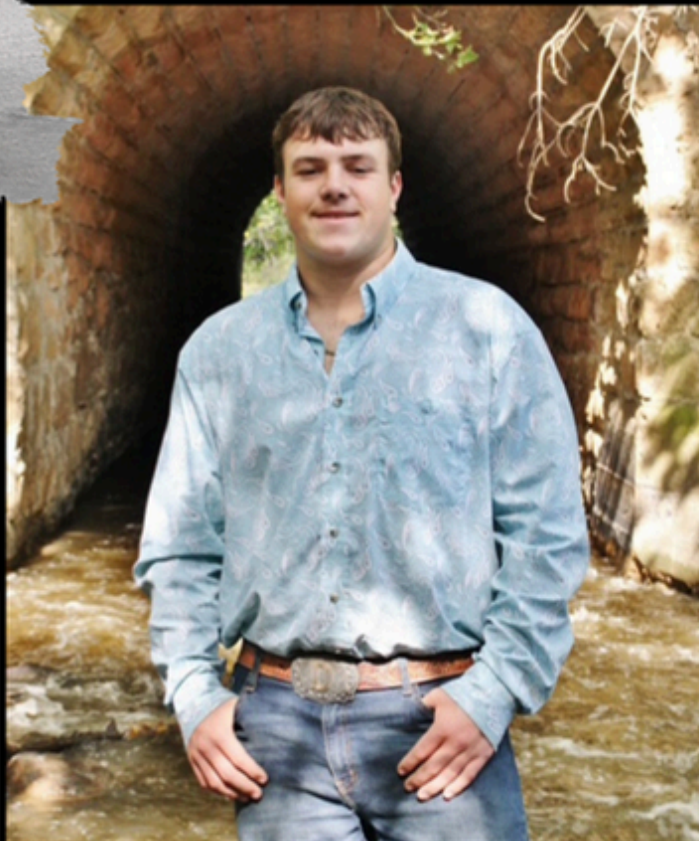
Parents: Paul and Andrea Pitkin

Future Plans: Attend North Iowa Area Community College on a baseball scholarship and major in business.

Favorite HS memory: Winning the 2024 Class 11AA State Football Championship with my friends and teammates.

Favorite Church memory: Taking Confirmation classes with my friends.

***I can do all things through him
who strengthens me.
-Philippians 4:13***



DRU EDWARD WIENTJES

Parents: Billy & Danielle Wientjes

Future Plans: Attending LATC for their Heavy Equipment program.

Favorite HS memory: Friday Night Lights

Favorite Church memory: VBS

***Whatever you do, work heartily,
as for the Lord
and not for men.
-Colossians 3:23***

Property Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: May 5

Location: Church Facility

Opening: Prayer offered to begin the meeting

1. Attendance & Introductions

Welcomed new members:

Nate Albertson (Lake Area Tech instructor)

Randy Rakness (chairman), Duane Svalstad, John Hopper, Mark Wientjes, Don Farthing, Roger Carter, Darwin Carlson, Dick Nicolai,

Staff: Pastor Craig Werling, Pastor Janine Rew-Werling, Earl Benson

Other: Lori Storley

2. Church Repair & Construction Progress

Trim work and cabinet installation nearing completion (target: Friday)

Tile work progressing in the sanctuary bathroom

Pews arriving Thursday → to be stored at Lake Area Tech

Waiting on lighting fixtures (major timeline dependency)

Fire alarm and occupancy approval still pending (important for upcoming wedding on May 30)

3. Key Project Updates

Sanctuary & Interior

Organ installation tentatively scheduled (late June)

Carpet installation expected before organ setup

AV system:

Wiring installed; termination pending countertop installation

Sound booth constructed, awaiting final setup

Lighting system:

Will be remote/preset-based (training required)

Fixtures & Furnishings

Countertop measurements scheduled (May 6, 8:00 AM)

New doors (fellowship hall areas) approved and ordered through insurance

Office window treatments delivered

Altar furniture completed and stored until installation

Exterior & Grounds

Lightning rods: 50% complete; finishing next week

No bat infestation; sealing work to be completed internally by Gil Haugen

Outdoor lighting repairs identified (electricians to address)

4. Timeline Outlook

Estimated sanctuary readiness: early July (target: first Sunday)

Outdoor services are delayed until indoor worship is completed

5. Storage & Logistics

Pews:

Delivery Thursday → transport and storage at LATC

Later delivery to the church with students and volunteers

Garage clutter reinstallation ter:

Significant accumulation has been identified

Plan to utilize the dumpster while available

6. Insurance & Financial Review

Discrepancies identified (e.g., missing amplifier claim)

Need to verify inclusion of:

Organ

Keyboards

Ongoing coordination with the insurance provider

7. Cleanup & Maintenance Planning

Cleanup Day scheduled: June 6

Possible second cleanup closer to the reopening of the sanctuary

8. Facility & Maintenance Issues Identified

Men's bathroom:

Door slams → needs a new closer

Light delay issue

Exterior dumpster:

Moves in high winds → needs anchoring solution

Parking lot sand/debris cleanup:

Requires equipment (brush/skid steer)

Garage organization and disposal decisions needed

9. Outdoor Worship Planning

Reorientation of layout planned

Potential improvements for capacity and comfort

Timing dependent on sanctuary readiness

10. Next Meeting

Date: June 2 at 6:30 PM



Youth Group Fundraiser

Funds will be used for Youth Group Faith-building experiences such as Quake (retreat weekend), Christian concerts, and local youth group activities.

Option 1 Short Sleeve Tshirt



\$20 Youth \$25 Adult

Option 2 Long Sleeve Tshirt



\$25 Youth \$30 Adult

Option 3 Sweatshirt



\$30 Youth \$35 Adult

Option 4 Quarter Zip



\$40 Adult

Option 5 Baseball Hat



Cash and Carry at the church or special order! **\$25**

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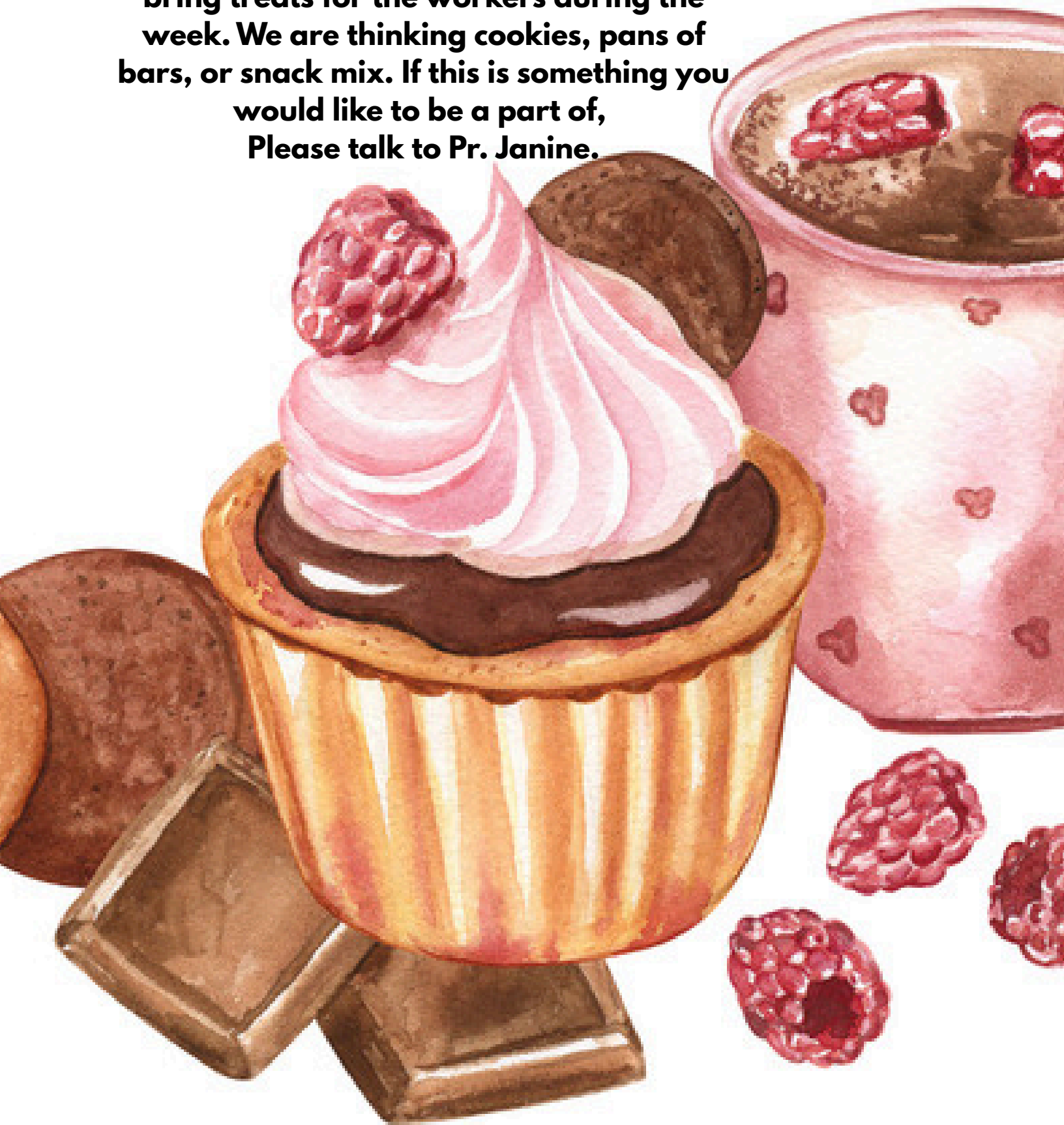
**Join us for VBS
July 27th - 30th!
Sign up today!**



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Treats for the Workers!

We would love to start a little group to bring treats for the workers during the week. We are thinking cookies, pans of bars, or snack mix. If this is something you would like to be a part of, Please talk to Pr. Janine.



Y.A.R.N.

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You Are Really Needed

All are welcome to join us on the
1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month
in the Fellowship Hall @ 10:00 am

Quilt Ministry

2nd & 4th Wednesdays
of each month
9:30am to noon

Bring supplies if you can or fabric to donate.

All are welcome to help create quilts for local and worldwide comfort.

Listening for the Promise Weekly Devotional

Day of Pentecost – May 24, 2026

“On the last and most important day of the festival, Jesus stood up and shouted, ‘If you are thirsty, come to me and drink! Have faith in me, and you will have life-giving water flowing from deep inside you, just as the Scriptures say.’

Jesus was talking about the Holy Spirit,
who would be given to everyone that had faith in him.”

- John 7:37-39 -

How often do we follow a tradition without really understanding it? Christmas and Easter are celebrations of the church steeped in rich tradition. At Christmas we celebrate the birth of Jesus, in Holy Week we prepare for his death, and at Easter we praise his resurrection. But why do we observe Pentecost and what is the significance?

“Pentecost” comes from the Greek word pentekostos and translates as “fiftieth day.” For Christians, it marks the 50th day after Easter when the Holy Spirit descended upon a group of followers. Jesus says to the group, “If you are thirsty, come to me and drink! Have faith in me, and you will have life-giving water flowing deep inside of you.”

In Acts 2:1-4 we learn “On the day of Pentecost all the Lord’s followers were together in one place. Suddenly there was a noise from heaven like the sound of a mighty wind! It filled the house where they were meeting. Then they saw what looked like fiery tongues moving in all directions, and a tongue came and settled on each person there. The Holy Spirit took control of everyone, and they began speaking whatever languages the Spirit let them speak.”

We celebrate Pentecost as the very moment the church was formed with all its followers receiving the power of the Holy Spirit. It is the beginning of the sainthood of all believers as we are baptized into faith. We are now steeped in rich tradition with our brothers and sisters in Christ from this early establishment. We are a part of this ancient church!

Jesus invites us to follow, have faith, and receive the power of the Holy Spirit. What a powerful invitation! We can walk in the light as Jesus did and bear witness to others by sharing the Good News!

It is indeed life-giving water! Amen.

Day of Pentecost

May 24, 2026

Proclamation Points

The following are some thoughts and questions to be used for a text study on the weekly lessons, or for jump-starting the imagination of the preacher and hearer in preparing for the proclamation event.



(Christ) has proved his love in taking your sins upon himself and paying for them with his blood, as he tells you by the gospel. He has given you grace to believe by his Spirit, and has prepared and accomplished everything most surely, so that you need not care or fear any more, but only keep your heart strong and reliant on his Word and faith.

– Martin Luther –

Letter to His Father (February 15, 1520)

Numbers 11:24–30

Sometimes our desire for good order in the church causes us to butt heads with the Holy Spirit. While Moses gathered up the elders of Israel to receive the gift of prophesy through the Holy Spirit, two men stayed behind in the camp. Eldad and Medad didn't join the gathering of elders, yet the Spirit came to rest upon them, too. They prophesied right where they were, in the midst of the camp.

This was not how things were supposed to go. There was a meeting and a plan — and Joshua didn't think this sort of thing should be allowed. He wanted Moses to stop the two men. But Moses recognized that the Word they were given to speak was a Word the people in the camp needed to hear. Rather than seeking to restrain the gifts of the Spirit, Moses celebrated the gift God had given these two men.

- *What are some ways we seek to restrain the work of the Spirit for the sake of good order? On the other hand, how can lack of concern for good order in the church lead to problems?*
- *For us, as Christians, how do we properly discern when a word of prophesy comes from the Spirit and when it is of a different origin? Compare what is written in 1 John 4:1–6.*

Psalm 25:1–15

In faith, we offer up ourselves — our lives, our hearts, our obedience, as well as our time, talent, and treasures — in hopes that they will be pleasing to God. This is all well and good. But often, because of what we do, the sinner in us cannot resist the urge to put the focus of faith on ourselves.

The psalmist has a different way of thinking about this. He lifts up his soul to God, puts his trust in the Almighty. From this vantage point he recognizes that everything is already in God's hands. We have nothing to offer, only to receive.

“Show me your ways ... teach me your paths ... lead me in truth ... forget my sins.” We come before God with open hands, in need of his bountiful gifts. The promise we live in is that God is merciful to his beloved children, providing us with what we need.

- *What difference does it make to think of ourselves primarily as receivers rather than givers in relation to God?*
- *Why is it so difficult to recognize and admit our empty-handedness when it comes to the grace and mercy of God?*

Acts 2:1–21

There is tremendous power in wind. It can erode the land. It

can slam doors and bend crops to the ground. When violent and out of control, wind can destroy everything in its path. This everyday occurrence, one we often don't even take note of, is also one of the most powerful forces in nature.

In Acts, we hear the coming of the Holy Spirit described as sounding like “the rush of a violent wind.” It wasn't a little breeze or one gust. As the disciples were gathered together trying to figure out what to do next, the Holy Spirit came upon them like a tornado. The Spirit filled that room and shaped everything it touched.

Words the disciples barely understood themselves were suddenly comprehensible in countless languages. The fear and trembling that had filled them since Jesus had ascended into heaven was replaced with confidence in the message they had been called to share. The story of a lowly carpenter's son who had suffered a violent death became THE story of God's deeds of power. That wind that rushed through that house and impacted their lives changed everything!

The power of the Holy Spirit made it possible for the disciples to do the work they were called to do. It made their message understandable to the crowd that had gathered for Pentecost, and gave them the faith and courage to take on a mission for which they had no particular training. That same Spirit is at work among us still, shaping our reality and inspiring our witness.

- *Are the gifts of the Spirit reserved for magnificent displays like Pentecost? What are some everyday miracles you have failed to notice?*
- *What are some ways you see the Holy Spirit at work in your context (your community and congregation)?*

John 7:37–39

In our text today, Jesus speaks to those who realize their spiritual thirst, who know they are not righteous in themselves. To thirsty souls, his words are a comfort; to those who are “full of themselves,” Jesus' words seem presumptuous. But we know that all are thirsty, whether they realize it or not. And so we preach that the Spirit of the Lord is ready to fill the thirst in us. The promise is that the Spirit is being unleashed upon believers. Those who belong to Christ will be filled with the righteousness of his living water and shall no longer thirst as if alone.

- *In what ways does faith quench our thirst? In what ways does faith make us thirsty for more?*
- *Why must we look to Christ for righteousness and not to ourselves?*

MON

Office Open
Mon - Thurs 10am to 2pm
Closed Memorial Day, May 25th

TUE

9:30 - Prayer
10:00 - Coffee
10:00 - Yarn

WED

12:00 - Men's Bible study

THU

10:00 - Coffee
5:00 - Melissa Gross Bible study

FRI

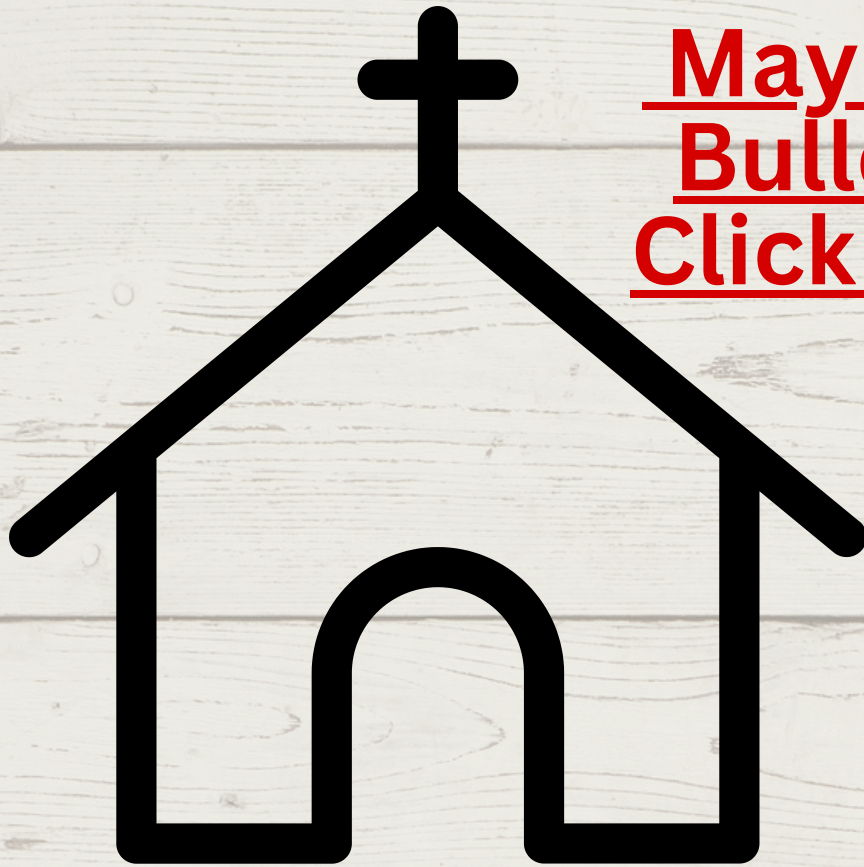
SAT

SUN

9:15 - Worship
10:15 - Coffee

This Weeks Bulletin

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JUNE Servant Team!

Servant Team #2 - Serves - June 2026

- Albertson, Nathan & Larin
- Beck, Mary
- Cornell, Glenn & Carol
- Fritz, Dylan & Kelli
- Geise, Marianne
- Gilbertson, Kirk
- Gilbertson, Scott & Dede
- Hennen, Andrea & Scott & family
- Jutting, Ron & Cathy
- Kettwig, Josh & Anna & family
- Kettwig, Kobe
- Moshier, Carol
- Moshier, Timothy
- Nicolai, Dick & Jeune
- Olson, Doug & Vickie
- Parliament, Larry & Connie
- Pitkin, Paul & Andrea & family
- Rademacher, Ruth
- Rakness, Randy & Linda
- Snell, Bob & family
- Torstenson, Arcelia
- Torstenson, Darwin & Rebecca
- Torstenson, David
- Winkelman, Larry & Jean
- Woertink, Trace & Brianna

HLC MAY 24TH SERVANT TEAM



**Keyboard
Accompanist:**
Lynn Osthus



Head Ushers:
Need 1



Lector:
Jan DeBerg



**Non-Communion
Sunday**

Attendance & Offering

Sunday, May 17th, 2026

Attendance: 167

General Offering: \$6,017.24

Hospitality: \$66

Facility: \$150

Youth Group: \$110 & \$20 in honor of HS seniors

Helping Hands: \$500

Contingency: \$4,000

HLC Year to Date

Financial Report as of 4-30-26

	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Giving	\$145,516	\$132,880.93	\$12,635.07 - Under Budget
Expenses	\$111,511	\$107,570.44	\$ 3,940.56 - Under Budget

Please see a Council member if you have any questions.

MAY

Benevolence & Mission Outreach

\$1130 - Beacon Center - for use where needed most by our local domestic abuse shelter

\$1800 - Friends of Madagascar Mission - for the total annual support of 2 evangelists and their families

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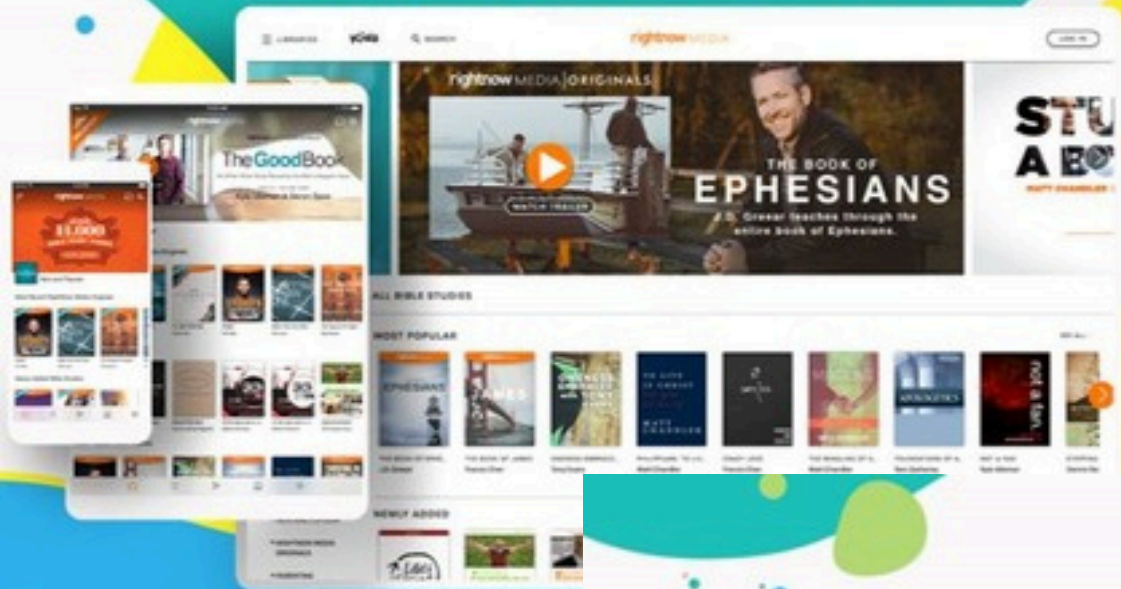
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THE CHANNEL TO BRAZIL

Align With God in 2024

”So that the works of God might be displayed.”

In John 9 we read about one of Jesus’ miracles where he restored the sight of a blind man. At the beginning of the story, we see the disciples questioning Jesus about who had sinned to cause the blind man his disability.

Rather patiently (we might imagine), Jesus insinuates that the disciples are asking the wrong question. He encourages them to look forward, ‘while it is still day,’ (v4) rather than backward upon who to blame.

What are you looking forward to this new year? Right now, it feels like the world is full of suffering and poverty of spirit and unity. In this passage, Jesus teaches us that with suffering comes the opportunity for God’s works to be displayed.

Children growing up in the slums are suffering because they are neglected and failed by a wider community that is unable to care for their physical needs and education. By supporting CBC you have the opportunity to step in as the healing hands and feet of Jesus.

Thank you for your partnership with us that displays the mighty works of God where there is sickness, anxiety and desperate poverty.

May God Bless you and your family this year.

Marc Marques
Executive Director

May Newsletter



FRIENDS of
**MADAGASCAR
MISSION**

Throughout the history of global mission work from churches within the United States, beginning in the 19th Century, we have seen the great mission outreach organized for the most part by Mission Societies. In the 20th Century the mission work was taken over by church denominations. It became institutionalized. As we enter the 21st Century, we are once again experiencing a return to Mission Societies claiming a greater role in Christian mission work around the globe.

It is in this climate of change, in how mission work is being done today, that the Friends of Madagascar Mission was begun. We believe we have a unique role in the future of mission, particularly in Madagascar at this time. In 2010 we began our fund raising activities and each year we continue to grow in giving from our generous donors. For this we give thanks to God!

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Resources

Watertown Area Memory Care & Aging Network has the following community resources available

- Memory Care Support Group
- Respite Care Financial Assistance
- Mary Drake Resource Library
- Community Caregiver Fair
- Memory Screening Event
- Savvy Caregiver Training Classes
- Caregiver Mentor Program

Upcoming Events

Watertown Event Center
West Highway 212 / 1901 9th Avenue SW
Watertown, SD 57201
First Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm!

January 7, 2026

“Safe Hands, Calm Hands” (Teepa Snow)
by Christina Ruml, State Ombudsman for State of South Dakota

February 4, 2026

“Language, Swallowing, and Dementia”
by Kirsten Blackwell, Speech - Language Pathologist with PLHS

March 4, 2026

“Holding God’s Hands”
by Pastor Sara McManus, First United Methodist Church

April 1, 2026

“Adult Day Services / My Care Line Respite Care & Telemedicine at The Village”
by Krista Beauchamp & Dalton Wagner

May 6, 2026

“Keeping Precious Memories”
(Creating Memory Books)
by Dar Fuchs & Friends

June 3, 2026

“Let’s Talk”
by The Support Group



Connie Lake

Connie’s journey caring for those with dementia / Alzheimer’s started in 1980. Her first job was to create an activity program in a long term care facility for their residents. It was not long before folks with that diagnosis were in her heart. In 1997, she created a recreation program in a long term care memory care unit. The focus was “person centered” with engagement and positive communication. A supportive community was a huge help and part of her career. She is retired now but the passion remains to create programs & offer more help for this country’s unsung heroes - caregivers!

The Watertown Memory Care Support Group was created in 1998 by Connie Lake and Deanna Bullis to give caregivers a place to belong. Caregivers were able to listen, share, and learn how to care for themselves. This mission remains true today.

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